



American Women Nature Writers: An Interdisciplinary Conference

June 18-21, 1998

**University of New England
Westbrook College Campus
Portland, Maine**

Conference papers will be presented on Sarah Orne Jewett, Celia Thaxter, Margaret Fuller, Ruth Moore, Susan Fenimore Cooper, Sue Hubbell, Rachel Carson, Annie Dillard, Willa Cather, Ann Zwinger, and Terry Tempest Williams, to name a few. Panel sessions will focus on the themes of conservation, advocacy, travel, the West, the South, nature poetry, gardens, birds and animals, pedagogy, nature journal writing, and much more.

Conference-Related Exhibitions

A special exhibit of Maine women nature artists is planned for the Westbrook College Campus Art Gallery. Works from contemporary Maine artists will supplement historic pieces from the University of New England collection, including works by Louise Nevelson and Berenice Abbott. A special collection of folios, framed paintings, and artifacts of 19th-Century Maine artist Kate Furbish will be on display at the University's Josephine S. Abplanalp Library. The display is on loan from the Bowdoin College Library Special Collections.

The Maine Women Writers Collection

"American Women Nature Writers" is one of several conferences that has been sponsored by the Maine Women Writers Collection on UNE's Westbrook College Campus. Founded in 1959 to honor and preserve the writings of Maine women achieving literary recognition, the Maine Women Writers Collection, located in the Josephine S. Abplanalp Library, is a pre-eminent collection of published and unpublished works by and about Maine women writers. The Collection has over 4,000 volumes from more than 500 Maine women, illustrating and chronicling the authors' times, circumstances, and experiences.

The Portland Area and the Westbrook College Campus

The University of New England's Westbrook College Campus is located in Portland, Maine, a popular summer destination two hours north of Boston. The city is served by an international airport, and the Westbrook College Campus provides easy access to the city's excellent shops, museums, historic sites, and restaurants. With islands, lakes, mountains and beaches nearby, Portland is a great base for a variety of pre- and post conference activities. The Westbrook College Campus, which dates back to 1831 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a small, traditional New England campus with a green surrounded by several 19th-Century brick buildings located in a residential neighborhood.

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Featured Speakers

Vera Norwood, *Keynote Speaker*

Professor and Chair of American Studies Department, University of New Mexico; author of *Made from this Earth: American Women and Nature*; coeditor of *The Desert is No Lady: Southwestern Landscapes in Women's Writing and Art*.

Ann and Susan Zwinger, *Visiting Writers*

Nature writers and teachers, co-editors of and contributors to *Women in Wilderness: Writings and Nature Photographs*. Ann Zwinger is also author and illustrator of *Beyond the Aspen Grove*, *Wind in the Rock*, *Mysterious Lands*, and *Run, River Run*, which won the John Burroughs Medal. Susan Zwinger is author of *Stalking the Ice Dragon* and *Still Wild, Always Wild*.

Linda Lear, *Special Lecturer*

Research Professor of Environmental History, George Washington University; Research Collaborator, Smithsonian Institution; author of *Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature*; editor of a forthcoming anthology of Carson's unpublished writings; and author of an introduction to a new edition of Carson's *The Sense of Wonder*.

Vernon Owen Grumblin, *Special Lecturer*

Professor of Literature and Environmental Studies, University of New England; contributor to *Greening the College Curriculum*; editor of *The Literature of Nature: The British and American Traditions*.

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Campus Facilities

Many of the University of New England’s facilities are handicapped-accessible. If you require special services to fully participate in this program, contact the Office of Continuing Education at (207)283-0170, Ext. 2440 in advance.

Registration

Registration Fee: \$120 prior to May 1 or \$130 May 1 or after (includes opening reception and dinner Thursday evening; breakfast Friday, Saturday and Sunday; lunch Friday and Saturday; and breaks with refreshments).

Friday Night Dinner

Friday night Downeast lobster bake and barbeque dinner is optional at a cost of \$25 per person. A vegetarian entree will be available.

Housing

Dormitory housing on the Westbrook College Campus is \$32 per night single person occupancy or \$18 per person per night double occupancy. There are numerous hotels and bed and breakfasts in the Portland area. The Portland Visitors Information Center can provide assistance at 207-772-5800.

Participants may register by phone, using MasterCard/VISA/Discover/PO#:(207)283-0170 Ext. 2440; by mail, using personal/ business check or money order (payable to the University of New England); by fax using MasterCard/VISA/Discover/PO# (207) 282-6379.

Cancellation/Refunds

Early registration is strongly recommended as space is limited. Participants who choose to withdraw ten or more business days prior to this conference will receive a refund less a \$15 processing fee; less than ten business days prior to the program, no refund. The University reserves the right to cancel this conference because of insufficient enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances. In the event of cancellation, registrants will receive full refund.

Continuing Education Credit

Participants who attend the entire conference may request a continuing education certificate for 15 contact hours.

REGISTRATION FORM: Photocopy as needed

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Friday Dinner \$25 ☐ Lobster ☐ Chicken ☐ Vegetarian \$ _____

Lodging at the Westbrook College Campus \$32 single/\$18 double (per night)

☐ Thursday night ☐ Friday night ☐ Saturday night ☐ Sunday night Sharing room with _____

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Marguerite Robichaux, Four Firs-Flagstaff, oil on linen

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Come to the coast of Maine and the “country of the pointed firs” at one of the most beautiful times of the year. Join more than 75 literary scholars, writers, poets, historians, educators, and others from around the nation to explore the works of American women nature writers.

